

# District Manager's Letter To Stakeholders:

**U.S. Department of Labor**

**Mine Safety and Health Administration  
Rocky Mountain District  
Denver District Office  
DFC  
Denver, Colorado 80225**



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Dear Mine Safety and Health Stakeholders:

I want to take this opportunity to recap the record low 26 fatalities for the nation's m/nm mines in 2003. Unfortunately, here in the Rocky Mountain District there were three fatal accidents in 2003. I am confident that each of you are committed to making safety a value and sending every miner home every day and that you will join the effort to turn this statistic around for the coming year. We want to continue with our goal of zero fatalities in this district. With your continued efforts we are getting closer to this goal each year.

Getting accident and injury information out to the mining community is a good means of accident prevention. We are currently scheduling Spring Thaw Meetings and other Stakeholder type meetings for the up-coming year. Our Compliance Specialists and Supervisors are passing out handout materials and discussing new information on a daily basis. We have started building a Stakeholder contact list which consists of a mailing address list, e-mail address list and a fax contact list. We encourage you to contact us and provide this type of information to us so that we may in turn share information with you and others in the mining community for their use in accident prevention. This information can be given to an inspector at the mine, emailed through our District website, called in to Richard Laufenberg at (303) 231-5465, or mailed to: MSHA Metal/Nonmetal, P.O. Box 25367-DFC, Denver, CO 80225-0367.

Your commitment to mine safety and your concerted efforts to assure that all miners return to their homes and families at the end of each workday must include a cooperative effort partnering with labor, mine management, state and federal agencies, contractors and safety organizations. We look forward to strengthening these partnerships with you during the coming year.

Sincerely,

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